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In re Application of: Digant P. Dave, Thomas E. Milner and Taner (NMI) Akkin
Continuation of
U.S. Serial No.: 10/044,421
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For: : FIBER-BASED OPTICAL LOW COHERENCE TOMOGRAPHY

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION-IN-PART
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Continuation-In-Part Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10,044,421, filed January 11, 2002, entitled: FIBER-BASED OPTICAL LOW COHERENCE TOMOGRAPHY that claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/261,658, filed January 12, 2001. The Inventors of the invention being claimed in this Continuation-in-Part Application are Digant P. Dave, Thomas E. Milner and Taner (NMI) Akkin.

Please accept the attached Continuation-in-Part Application that includes a substantial portion of the co-pending Patent Application, Serial No. 10/044,421, as filed on January 11, 2002. The present Application has two common inventors with the co-pending Patent Application, is filed before the patenting or abandonment of or termination of proceedings on co-pending Patent Application, is amended to contain a specific reference to the earlier filed (parent) co-pending Patent Application, and adds new matter, including new claims and a new drawings, not disclosed in the co-pending Patent Application.

The following documents are enclosed:

1. Continuation-in-Part Application (3 pp.);
2. Formal Drawings (7) sheets, (7) figures;
3. An unsigned Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(b); and
4. An executed Assignment as filed with the prior co-pending Patent Application.

Applicants claim **Small Entity Status**.

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	36	16	9.00	\$144.00
Independent Claims	10	7	43.00	\$301.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$385.00
Multiple Dependent Claim	0	0	65.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$830.00

No Fees are enclosed at this time, as they will be paid at the time of filing a Response to Missing Parts Application

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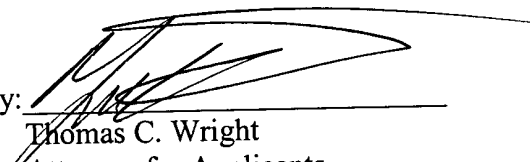
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